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"WITH REFERENCE TO THE HABANA PRENSA LATINA NEWS RELEASE OF 8 MARCH 1966, ALLEGING CIA INVOLVEMENT WITH ROLANDO CUBELA SECADES AND RAMON TOMAS GUIN DIAZ IN COUNTERREVOLUTIONARY ACTIVITIES, THE POLLOWING OUTLINES THE AGENCY'S CONTACT WITH THESE TWO PERSONS.

CUBA AS A PRINCIPAL AGENT TO RECEUIT HIGH LEVEL MILITARY LEADERS.
HE HAS HAD NO CONTACT WITH CIA STAFF PERSONNEL.

"CUBELA, THE MORE IMPORTANT OF THE TWO MEN, HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH THIS AGENCY DURING THE PERIOD 1961-1965. THE LAST AGENCY CONTACT WITH CUBELA WAS IN FEBRUARY 1965. HE HAS HAD DIRECT CONTACT WITH SEVERAL AGENCY OFFICIALS AND, IN ADDITION, IS KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN IN CONTACT WITH CUBAN EXILES, INCLUDING MANUEL ARTIME. CIA'S CONTACT AND RELATIONSHIP WITH BOTH CUBELA AND GUIN WAS FOR THE EXPRESS PURPOSE OF USING THEM TO COLLECT INTELLIGENCE ON MILITARY ACTIVITIES AND OBJECTIVES IN CUBA. THE AGENCY WAS NOT INVOLVED WITH EITHER OF THESE TWO MEN IN A PLOT TO ASSASSINATE FIDEL CASTRO, AS CLAIMED IN THE PRENSA LATINA NEWS RELEASE, NOR

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